



# Map and Guide

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## Plan Your Visit



Welcome to Zion National Park. Steep cliffs, narrow canyons, and unpredictable weather add to the challenge and adventure of a visit, so it is important to plan carefully for your stay. Park rangers at the visitor centers can provide planning information and weather forecasts, but your safety depends on your own good judgment, adequate preparation, and constant awareness.



**WATER**  
The desert is an extreme environment. Carry enough water, one gallon per person per day, and drink it. Water is available at visitor centers, campgrounds, Zion Lodge, and other locations. Do not drink untreated water.



**STEEP CLIFFS**  
Falls from cliffs on trails have resulted in death. Ice, loose sand, and pebbles are very slippery.

Be aware of edges when using cameras or binoculars. Never throw or roll rocks because there may be hikers below you.

- Stay on the trail.
- Avoid cliff edges.
- Observe posted warnings.
- Please watch children.



**DRIVING**  
Park roads are used by vehicles, bicycles, walkers, and even wildlife. Obey posted speed limits.

Unless otherwise posted, the maximum speed limit in the park is 35 mph.

Seat belts or child safety seats are required for all occupants in a vehicle.

**ZION ANNUAL PASS \$50**

Admission to Zion National Park for one year from date of purchase.



**ANNUAL PASS \$80**

Admission to all federal fee areas for one year from date of purchase.



**SENIOR PASS \$10**

Admission to all federal fee areas for life, U.S. citizens 62 years or older.



**ACCESS PASS Free**

Admission to all federal fee areas for life, permanently disabled U.S. citizens.



All passes are available at park entrance stations. Information about interagency passes and participating agencies (NPS, BLM, FWS, FS, and BOR) is available online at [store.usgs.gov/pass](http://store.usgs.gov/pass).

To protect park resources, park only in designated spaces and turn off your engine when your vehicle is stopped.

Don't drink and drive. For your safety, park rangers enforce laws against alcohol and drug-related driving offenses, including open container violations.

For Utah road conditions, please call 866-511-8824.



**HYPOTHERMIA**  
Hypothermia occurs when the body is cooled to dangerous levels. It is the number one killer of outdoor recreationists, even in warm

weather, and it usually happens without the victim's awareness. It is a hazard in narrow canyons because immersion in water is the quickest way to lose body heat. To prevent hypothermia, avoid cotton clothing because it provides no insulation when wet and eat high energy food before you are chilled. Signs of hypothermia include:

- uncontrollable shivering
- stumbling and poor coordination
- fatigue and weakness
- confusion or slurred speech

If you recognize any of these signs, stop hiking and immediately replace wet clothing and add insulating layers.

### Hours of Operation & Fees

<b>Zion Canyon Visitor Center</b>	8:00 am to 5:00 pm <i>Closed 12/25</i>
<b>Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk</b>	8:00 am to 4:30 pm <i>Closed 12/25</i>
<b>Zion Human History Museum</b>	10:00 am to 5:00 pm <i>Opens 3/08</i>
<b>Kolob Canyons Visitor Center</b>	8:00 am to 4:30 pm <i>Closed 12/25</i>

**Fees:** \$25 per vehicle; \$12 per individual: pedestrian, bicycle, motorcycle, or organized group. Entrance fees are valid for seven days.





National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

### Zion National Park

#### Superintendent

Jock Whitworth

#### Mailing Address

Zion National Park  
Springdale, UT 84767

#### Park Information

435 772-3256

#### Wilderness Information

435 772-0170

#### Website

[www.nps.gov/zion](http://www.nps.gov/zion)

#### E-mail

[zion\\_park\\_information@nps.gov](mailto:zion_park_information@nps.gov)

#### Lost and Found

Report at any visitor center

#### Emergencies

911 or 435 772-3322

## Services



#### ACCESSIBILITY

Most park facilities are accessible. Wheelchairs are available for loan at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center for the visitor center area. All shuttle buses are wheelchair accessible. Mobility devices must be smaller than 30" x 46" and have a combined weight of less than 600 lbs. Service dogs are permitted on a leash throughout the park.

Campsites are available for people with disabilities. The Pa'rus Trail and the Riverside Walk have accessible hikes with assistance. The Zion Lodge has several accessible hotel rooms and one accessible cabin with a roll-in shower. The Zion Lodge also has a wheelchair available for loan.

The orientation film offers captioning and the frontcountry trails video has an audio description. Assistive listening devices are available by reservation for all ranger-led programs. Please visit the Zion Human History Museum for information about borrowing assistive listening devices.



#### LODGING

In the park, the Zion Lodge has rooms, suites, and cabins. To make reservations, please call 888-297-2757 or 435-772-7700, or visit [zionlodge.com](http://zionlodge.com). There are other lodging options in surrounding communities.



#### RESTAURANTS

In the park, the Zion Lodge dining room and café serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Dinner reservations are required; please call 435-772-7760. There are many restaurants in surrounding communities.



#### GROCERIES

There are grocery and convenience stores in Springdale, La Verkin, Hurricane, Kanab, St. George, and Cedar City.



#### MONEY

There is an ATM at the Zion Lodge. Banks and ATMs are located in most surrounding communities.



#### SHOWERS

There are no showers available within Zion National Park. Pay showers are available in Springdale and east of the park. The availability of these services varies throughout the year.



#### LAUNDRY

There are laundry facilities located in Springdale, Hurricane, and Kanab. There are no laundry facilities within the park.



#### PETS

Leashed pets may be walked on the Pa'rus Trail. However, pets are not permitted on any other trails, on shuttles, in public buildings, or in the wilderness. Pets must be under physical control on a leash less than six feet at all times. The interior temperature of a vehicle can quickly warm to dangerous levels. Avoid leaving animals in vehicles. Boarding kennels are available in Rockville, Kanab, Hurricane, St. George, and Cedar City.

## Wildlife



Zion National Park is home to 69 species of mammals, 208 birds, 29 reptiles, six amphibians, and nine fish. Commonly seen animals include mule deer, lizards, and many species of birds. Rare or endangered species include the peregrine falcon, Mexican spotted owl, California condor, desert tortoise, and the Zion snail, found only in Zion National Park.



"The squirrel bit me in less than a second." Wild animals can hurt you. Do not feed them.

#### MOUNTAIN LIONS

Mountain lions are present in the park. Attacks are unlikely and have never been reported in the park. Please watch children closely and never let them run ahead or lag behind. More information is posted at trailheads. Please report any sightings or encounters to a park ranger as soon as possible.

#### DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP

Desert bighorn sheep are often seen on the east side of the park. Although they naturally shy away from people, some of these animals have grown accustomed to visitors in the park. Please do not approach or feed bighorn sheep.

#### RESPECT WILDLIFE

Please keep all animals wild and healthy by viewing them from a safe distance. Do not feed or touch wildlife. Store food and trash responsibly.

#### SICK OR INJURED ANIMALS

Be aware that wild animals can be unpredictable. Do not approach animals or attempt to move sick or injured wildlife. Please report any sick or injured animals to a park ranger.

## Emergencies



For 24-hour emergency response, call 911 or 435-772-3322. The Zion Canyon Medical Clinic is located in Springdale near the south entrance to the park. For hours, please call 435-772-3226. Other medical clinics are located in Hurricane. The nearest hospitals are in St. George, Cedar City, and Kanab.

## Flash Floods



All narrow canyons are potentially hazardous. Flash floods, often caused by storms miles away, are a real danger and can be life threatening. You are assuming a risk when entering a narrow canyon. Your safety is your responsibility.

Watch for indications of a possible flash flood. If you observe any of these signs, seek higher ground immediately:

- deterioration in weather conditions
- build up of clouds or thunder
- sudden changes in water clarity from clear to muddy
- floating debris
- rising water levels or stronger currents
- increasing roar of water up canyon



During a flash flood, the water level rises within minutes or even seconds. A flash flood can rush down a canyon in a wall of water over twelve feet high.

# Recreation



**CAMPING**  
Campgrounds in Zion Canyon have restrooms, drinking water, picnic tables, fire grates, dump stations, and recycling. All sites are half price for holders of Interagency Senior and Access Passes. There are no showers available within Zion National Park. Pay showers are available in Springdale and east of the park. The availability of these services varies throughout the year.



**FIRES**  
When fire danger is high, all campfires may be prohibited. When permitted, fires are only allowed in fire grates in the campgrounds. Bring or buy firewood. Collecting any type of wood in the park is prohibited.



**BICYCLING**  
Bicycles may travel on roadways and on the Pa’rus Trail. Bicycles are not allowed off roadways or in the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel. When riding from the South Entrance, use the Pa’rus Trail instead of the main road. Do not pass a moving vehicle. The rules of the road apply to bicycles. Please ride on the right side of the road in single file and wear your helmet.



**CLIMBING**  
The sandstone cliffs of Zion National Park are famous for big wall climbs. Zion is not a place for inexperienced climbers. Climbing in the park requires appropriate hardware and advanced technical skills. There are few top roping areas and no sport climbs. Permits are not required for day climbs, but they are required for all overnight bivouacs. Climbing information and route descriptions are available at the Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk in the Zion Canyon Visitor Center.

Some areas and routes are closed each year to climbing from early March through August to protect nesting peregrine falcons. Some areas that are routinely closed to climbing include The Great White Throne, Cable Mountain, Court of the Patriarchs, and Angels Landing. Check at visitor centers or visit [www.nps.gov/zion](http://www.nps.gov/zion) for current closure information.

Campgrounds			
	Sites	Fees	Reservations
<b>Watchman Campground</b>	183	\$16 per night \$18 per night for electric hookups \$20 per night for river sites	<a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a> 877-444-6777 Up to six months in advance
<b>South Campground</b> <i>Opens 3/01</i>	126	\$16 per night	First-come, first-served
<b>Lava Point Campground</b> <i>Closed in winter</i>	6	No fee	First-come, first-served
<b>Group Campsites</b> Organized groups of 9 to 40 people	6	\$3 per person per night	<a href="http://www.recreation.gov">www.recreation.gov</a> 877-444-6777
Private campgrounds with showers and hookups are available outside the park. South Campground is closed from November 4 through February 28. Watchman Campground is first-come, first-served from December 1 through February 28. Lava Point Campground is closed in winter. The number of available campsites may vary throughout the year.			



**HORSEBACK RIDING**  
Horses traditionally have been used to explore the terrain of Zion National Park. Guided trips are available in season starting at the corral near the Emerald Pools Trailhead. For private stock use, see the Wilderness Guide or inquire at visitor centers.



**WATERCRAFT**  
All watercraft use in Zion National Park requires a wilderness permit. Permits are issued only when the river is flowing in excess of 150 cubic feet per second. Inner tubes are not permitted at any time on any watercourse in the park.



**HIKING AND CANYONEERING**  
Hiking in canyons, even short hikes, requires advance planning. Some hikes involve walking in water. Rivers and washes are subject to flash flooding. Know the weather and flash flood potential forecasts before starting your trip. Daily forecasts are posted in park visitor centers. Many canyons require ropes, hardware, and advanced technical skills for rappelling and ascending.



**BACKPACKING**  
Permits are required for all wilderness camping. There is a fee. Permits and hiking information are available at visitor centers. The maximum group size is 12 people. Please read the Wilderness Guide for more information.



**WILDERNESS PERMITS**  
Permits are required for overnight trips, through-hikes of The Narrows and its tributaries, The Subway (Left Fork), Kolob Creek, and all canyons requiring the use of technical equipment. Reservations are available online for many permits at [www.nps.gov/zion](http://www.nps.gov/zion). Permits must be obtained at the visitor centers before your trip.

Wilderness permit fees are based on the size of your group:

- \$10 for 1-2 people
- \$15 for 3-7 people
- \$20 for 8-12 people

The maximum group size is 12 people of the same affiliation on the same trail or in the same drainage on the same day. The limit for some canyons is six people.



**THE NARROWS**  
The Virgin River has carved a spectacular gorge in upper Zion Canyon—16 miles long, up to 2,000-feet deep, and at times only 20 to 30-feet wide. The Narrows, with its soaring walls, sandstone grottos, and hanging gardens can be an unforgettable experience. It is not, however, a trip to be underestimated. Hiking The Narrows means hiking in the river. At least 60 percent of the hike is spent wading, walking, and sometimes swimming in the river. There is no maintained trail because the route is the river. The current is swift, the water may be cold and deep, and the rocks underfoot are

slippery. Flash flooding and hypothermia are constant dangers. Good planning, proper equipment, and sound judgment are essential for a safe and successful trip. Your safety is your responsibility.

There are three ways to hike The Narrows, weather and water conditions permitting. In winter, the top down hike is not advised. Dry suits are needed for the day hike. High water levels can prevent access.

**DAY HIKE FROM THE BOTTOM AND BACK**  
This round-trip hike can last up to eight hours and is the simplest way to experience The Narrows. Start at the Temple of Sinawava, walk one mile to the end of the paved Riverside Walk, and begin wading up the river. There is no formal destination and you must return the same way you entered. Many hikers try to reach the junction with Orderville Canyon, a tributary creek approximately two hours upstream from the paved trail. A permit is not required. Group size limits apply past Orderville Canyon. Travel upstream into Orderville Canyon or past Big Spring is prohibited.

**DAY HIKE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM**  
This strenuous 16-mile all-day hike requires a permit and a private shuttle to the trailhead. Please see the Wilderness Guide or inquire at the Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk for more information.

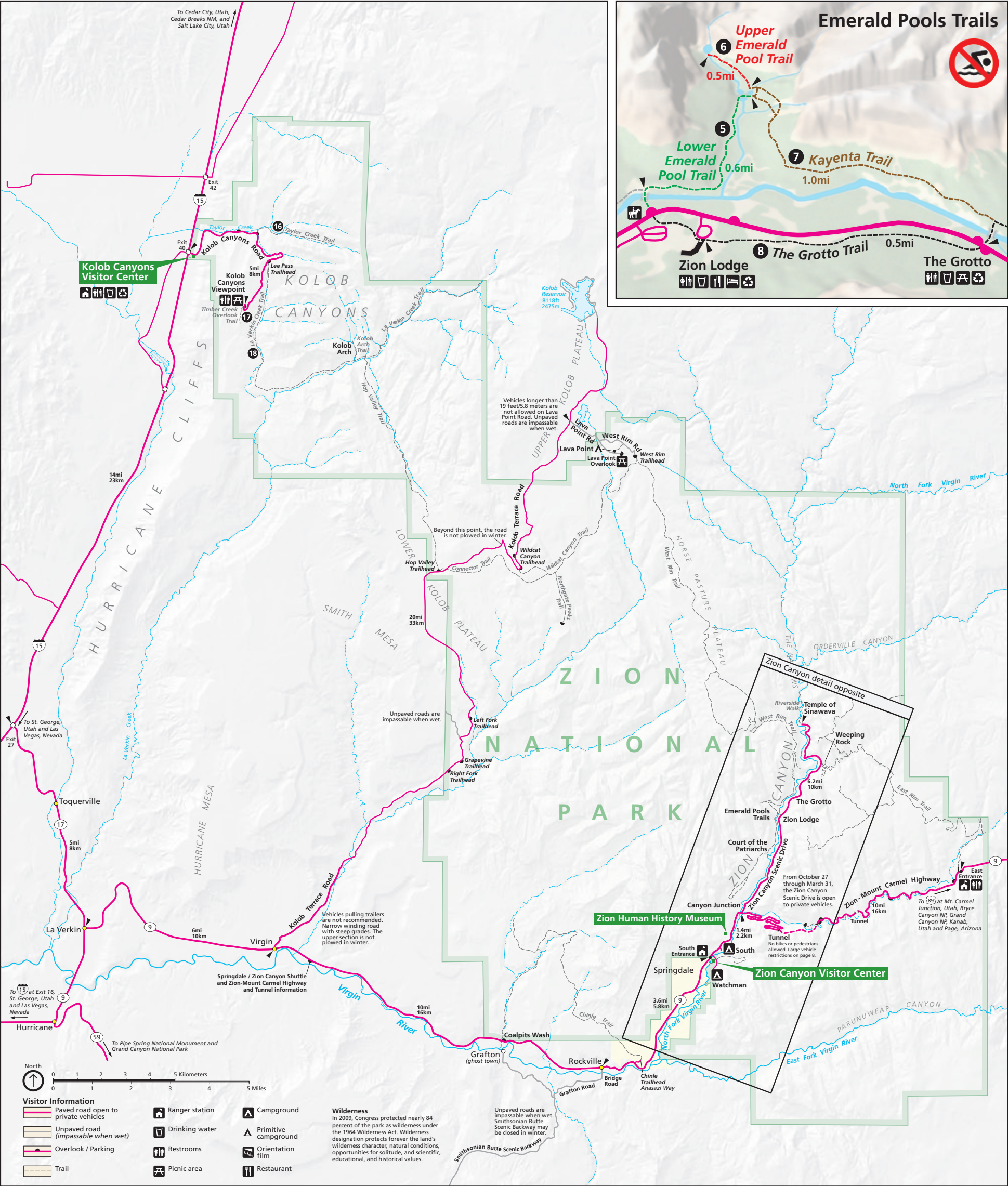
**OVERNIGHT HIKE FROM TOP TO BOTTOM**  
This two-day hike requires a permit and a private shuttle to the trailhead. Maximum stay is one night. Please see the Wilderness Guide or inquire at the Zion Canyon Wilderness Desk for more information.

**THE NARROWS CHECKLIST**

- Obtain weather and flash flood potential forecasts before your trip.
- Wear closed-toe shoes or sturdy boots with ankle support, not sandals or water shoes.
- Take a walking stick. Do not cut tree branches for sticks.
- Children should not hike in the river due to strong currents and deep pools.
- Carry out all trash, including food wrappers, apple cores, fruit peels, and toilet paper.
- Carry a gallon of drinking water per person per day, food, and first aid kit.
- Wear warm clothing. The Narrows is much cooler than other areas in Zion.
- Pack your gear in waterproof bags.
- Use the restroom at the Riverside Walk trailhead before hiking. There are no toilets in The Narrows.

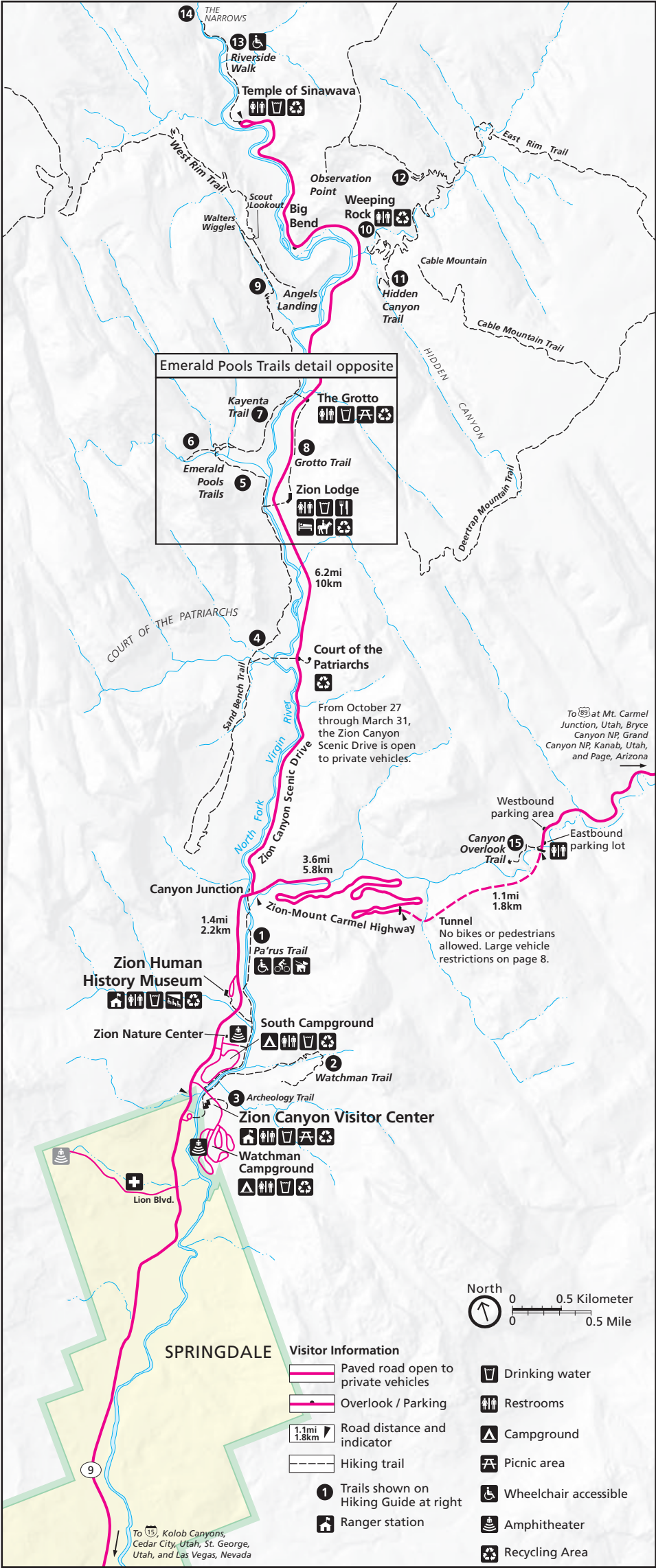


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# Zion Canyon



## Hiking Guide

Hike Location	Round Trip Average time mi / km	Elevation Change ft / m	Description
Easy			
1 Pa'rus Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center	2 hours 3.5 / 5.6	50 / 15	Paved trail follows the Virgin River from the South Campground to Canyon Junction. Wheelchairs may need assistance. Sections of the trail are closed for construction.
3 Archeology Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center	0.5 hour 0.4 / 0.6	80 / 24	Short, but steep. Starts across from the entrance to the visitor center parking lot. Climbs to the outlines of several prehistoric buildings. Trailside exhibits.
5 Lower Emerald Pool Trail Zion Lodge	1 hour 1.2 / 1.9	69 / 21	Minor drop-offs. Paved trail leads to the Lower Emerald Pool and waterfalls. Connects to the Kayenta Trail. Sections may be closed due to ice.
8 The Grotto Trail Zion Lodge The Grotto	0.5 hour 1.0 / 1.6	35 / 11	The trail connects the Zion Lodge to The Grotto. Can be combined with the Lower Emerald Pool and Kayenta Trails to create a 2.5-mile loop.
10 Weeping Rock Trail Weeping Rock	0.5 hour 0.4 / 0.6	98 / 30	Short, but steep. Minor drop-offs. Paved trail ends at a rock alcove with dripping springs. Trailside exhibits. Sections may be icy or closed in winter.
13 Riverside Walk Temple of Sinawava	1.5 hours 2.2 / 3.5	57 / 17	Minor drop-offs. Paved trail follows the Virgin River along the bottom of a narrow canyon. Trailside exhibits. Wheelchairs may need assistance. May be icy.
Moderate			
2 Watchman Trail Zion Canyon Visitor Center	2 hours 2.7 / 4.3	368 / 112	Minor drop-offs. Ends at viewpoint of the Towers of the Virgin, lower Zion Canyon, and Springdale. May be muddy and icy.
4 Sand Bench Trail Zion Lodge	5 hours 7.6 / 12.2	466 / 142	Commercial horse trail from March to October. Hike atop a massive landslide under The Sentinel. May be icy.
6 Upper Emerald Pool Trail Zion Lodge	1 hour 1.0 / 1.6	200 / 61	Minor drop-offs. A sandy and rocky trail that climbs to the Upper Emerald Pool at the base of a cliff. May be icy.
7 Kayenta Trail The Grotto	2 hours 2.0 / 3.2	150 / 46	Long drop-offs. An unpaved climb to the Emerald Pools. Connects The Grotto to the Emerald Pools Trails. May be icy.
15 Canyon Overlook Trail Zion-Mt. Carmel Hwy	1 hour 1.0 / 1.6	163 / 50	Long drop-offs, mostly fenced. Rocky and uneven trail ends at viewpoint of Pine Creek Canyon and lower Zion Canyon. May be snow covered and icy.
16 Taylor Creek Trail Kolob Canyons Road	4 hours 5.0 / 8.0	450 / 137	Limited to 12 people per group. Follows the Middle Fork of Taylor Creek past two homestead cabins to Double Arch Alcove. Often snow covered.
17 Timber Creek Overlook Trail Kolob Canyons Road	0.5 hour 1.0 / 1.6	100 / 30	Follows a ridge to a small peak with views of Timber Creek, Kolob Terrace, and Pine Valley Mountains. Often snow covered.
Strenuous			
9 Angels Landing via West Rim Trail The Grotto	4 hours 5.4 / 8.7	1488 / 453	Long drop-offs. Not for young children or anyone fearful of heights. Last section is a route along a steep, narrow ridge to the summit. Often snow covered and icy.
11 Hidden Canyon Trail Weeping Rock	3 hours 2.4 / 3.9	850 / 259	Long drop-offs. Not for anyone fearful of heights. Follows along a cliff face to the mouth of a narrow canyon. May be snow covered and icy.
12 Observation Point via East Rim Trail Weeping Rock	6 hours 8.0 / 12.9	2148 / 655	Long drop-offs. Climbs through Echo Canyon to viewpoint of Zion Canyon. Access to Cable Mountain, Deertrap Mountain, and East Mesa Trails. Often snow covered.
14 The Narrows via Riverside Walk Temple of Sinawava	8 hours 9.4 / 15.1	334 / 102	Read page 3 and check conditions at the visitor center before attempting. Top down hike is not advised in winter. Dry suits are needed for day hike in winter. High water levels can prevent access.
18 Kolob Arch via La Verkin Creek Trail Kolob Canyons Road	8 hours 14.0 / 22.5	1037 / 316	Limited to 12 people per group. Follows Timber and La Verkin Creeks. A side trail leads to Kolob Arch, one of the world's largest freestanding arches. Often snow covered.

Stay on established trails and watch your footing, especially at overlooks and near drop-offs. Avoid cliff edges. Watch children closely. People uncertain about heights should stop if they become uncomfortable. Never throw or roll rocks because there may be hikers below.



# Weather



Winters in Zion National Park are cold and often wet. Temperatures can range from highs of 50°F to 60°F during the day to lows well below freezing at night.

Nearly half of the annual precipitation in Zion Canyon falls between the months of December and March. Most roads are plowed, but trails may be closed due to snow and ice. After winter storms, snow typically disappears within a matter of hours at lower elevations. At higher elevations, the snow accumulates. As temperatures rise in spring, melting snow causes high water levels in the Virgin River and its tributaries.

Climate												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Temperature (°F)												
Average high	52	57	63	73	83	93	100	97	91	78	63	53
Average low	29	31	36	43	52	60	68	66	60	49	37	30
Record high	71	78	86	94	102	114	115	111	110	97	83	71
Record low	-2	4	12	23	22	40	51	50	33	23	13	6
Days above 90°F	0	0	0	1	8	21	30	28	18	3	0	0
Days below 32°F	19	14	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	18
Precipitation (inches)												
Average	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.3	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.6	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.5
Record high	7.5	6.7	7.1	4.4	3.0	4.0	3.6	4.8	6.7	3.3	3.2	4.3
Record snowfall	26	18	14	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	5	21
Thunderstorms	0	0	0	1	4	5	14	15	5	2	0	0
Temperatures at higher elevations, including the Kolob Canyons area of the park, may be 5 to 10 degrees cooler than Zion Canyon.												

### Sun and Moon

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
December 1	7:27 am	5:15 pm
December 15	7:39 am	5:16 pm
January 1	7:46 am	5:26 pm
January 15	7:45 am	5:39 pm
February 1	7:35 am	5:57 pm
February 15	7:21 am	6:12 pm
March 1	7:03 am	6:26 pm
March 15	7:43 am	7:39 pm
April 1	7:18 am	7:55 pm

#### Full Moon

December 17  
January 15  
February 14  
March 16

## Environmental Impact



Zion National Park is much more than just a recreational destination. It is a sanctuary of natural and cultural resources. Conserving this heritage is a task that the National Park Service cannot accomplish alone. All of us serve a critical role in maintaining Zion’s sanctuary for the future. Please respect your national park and the experiences of others.

**RECYCLING AND TRASH**  
Please do not litter. Carry out or recycle all of your trash, including toilet paper. The park recycling program provides disposal for plastic, aluminum, glass, paper, and other materials. Zion National Park works closely with the community

to provide many recycling options for visitors. With help from you, Zion kept over 200,000 lbs of waste out of landfills last year. Participate in recycling efforts by using the available recycling bins inside the park and in local communities.

**HIKING**  
Please stay on marked trails. Hiking off trails can lead to loss of vegetation, soil compaction, erosion, and unsightly scars on the landscape.

**WILDLIFE**  
Feeding, harming, or capturing wild animals is illegal and can cause injury or death to the animal. Animals can become aggressive beggars when fed.

**OBJECT COLLECTION**  
It is illegal to remove anything from Zion National Park. Leave the flowers, rocks, and anything else that you might find for others to enjoy.

**SOUNDSCAPES**  
Soundscapes, or sound environments, are an important natural feature of the park. Be aware of the noise that you make so that others may enjoy the peace and solitude of the park. Please travel quietly and limit the size of your group.

**WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS**  
There are several water bottle filling stations located throughout the park. To reduce waste, the sale of disposable plastic water bottles is prohibited in Zion Canyon. Support this initiative by bringing a reusable water bottle with you and using it after you leave. Water bottle

filling stations are located at the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, Zion Human History Museum, Zion Lodge, and the Temple of Sinawava.

**ZION CANYON SHUTTLE SYSTEM**  
The shuttle system, which runs from spring to fall, was created to reduce traffic congestion, parking conflicts, pollution, noise, and resource damage. Each full shuttle reduces traffic by 28 cars. The shuttles reduce vehicle miles traveled per day by over 50,000 and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by over 12 tons per day.

**ZION CANYON VISITOR CENTER**  
The Zion Canyon Visitor Center is a sustainable building that incorporates the area’s natural features and energy-efficient building concepts into an attractive design, saving energy and operating expenses while protecting the environment. Natural lighting and ventilation, passive downdraft cooling towers, Trombe wall heating, and a photovoltaic system reduce energy use by more than 70 percent and prevent the annual release of 181 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>.

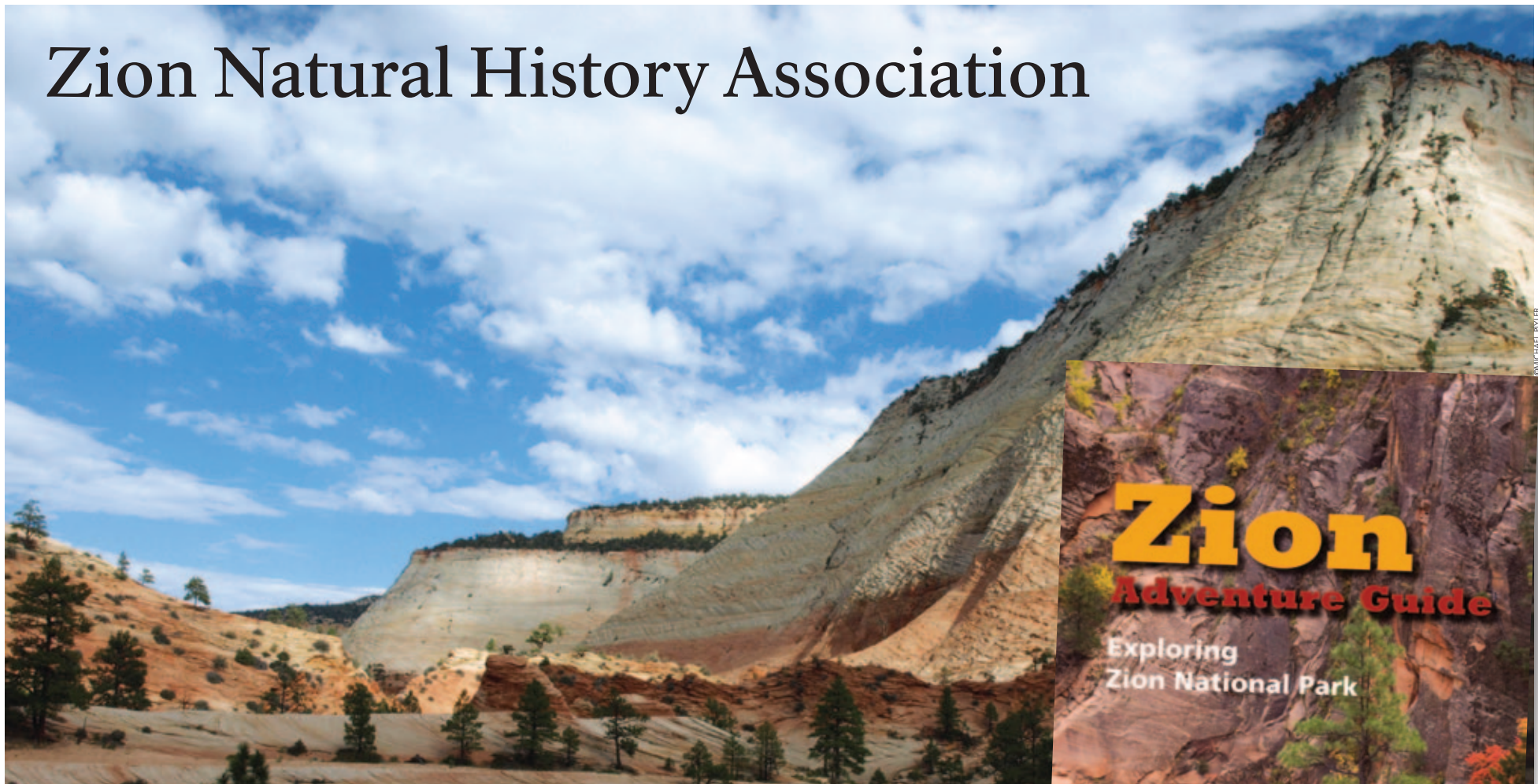
**RENEWABLE ENERGY**  
Solar power provides clean energy for Zion National Park. In 2010, large photovoltaic systems were installed at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center, the Emergency Operations Center, and Zion Headquarters. Zion generates 12 percent of its power from onsite renewable sources and purchases renewable energy to offset other sources. Efforts to reduce energy use have resulted in a 10 percent decrease since 2008.



The Zion Canyon Visitor Center is an excellent example of sustainable design.



# Zion Natural History Association



The Zion Natural History Association (ZNHA) is a non-profit organization that began in 1929 to support education, research, publications, and other programs for the benefit of Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, and Pipe Spring National Monument. Financial support by ZNHA members, combined with sales from our bookstores, provides these parks with approximately \$600,000 in annual aid.

## ZION CANYON FIELD INSTITUTE

The Zion Canyon Field Institute educates and inspires visitors about the greater Zion National Park ecosystem and environment. ZCFI is the educational division of the non-profit cooperating association Zion Natural History Association. These workshops take place in and around Zion National Park, Cedar Breaks National Monument, and Pipe Spring National Monument.

## OUTDOOR LEARNING ADVENTURES

Hike to a hanging garden where vibrant columbine grow next to scarlet monkey flowers. Relax while a geologist explains the wonders of Zion in a small group setting. Enjoy a discussion by the Virgin River about water issues in the West. Wade into The Narrows and plunge into a service project to keep it pristine. These are just a few of the experiences that you can enjoy during our workshops.

## SERVICE PROJECTS

Participants have the opportunity to get a backstage view of Zion, learn intensively about a single subject, and contribute to a project that benefits the park.

## PRIVATE WORKSHOPS

Our Custom Explore Zion program provides private workshops for small groups scheduled at your convenience.

## REGISTRATION

Pick up the course schedule at any of the park's bookstores. To register for a course, please visit [www.zionpark.org](http://www.zionpark.org), call 435 772-3264 or 800 635-3959, or stop by the Zion Canyon Visitor Center Bookstore. Fees for one-day workshops are \$45 to \$60 per day.

## MEMBERSHIP

Become a member of ZNHA and enjoy benefits for yourself today, while you help Zion tomorrow. ZNHA supports the educational outreach and the Junior Ranger programs for youth, publishes books on Zion, contributes to park ranger-led programs, and provides free visitor information about the park.

Join us as a member and receive a twenty-percent discount on all purchases at ZNHA bookstores and many ZCFI workshops. Members also receive discounts at participating associations, our quarterly e-newsletter, and the biannual *Sojourns* publication. Most importantly, your membership helps ensure future educational and research activities in Zion National Park.

## MEMBERSHIP LEVEL OPTIONS

- Individual *Sojourns* \$45
- Family *Sojourns* \$60
- Contributor \$100
- Advocate \$250
- Donor \$500

## ZNHA BOOKSTORES

Be sure to pick up a copy of the award-winning Zion Adventure Guide

for \$16.99, available at the ZNHA bookstores located in the Zion Canyon Visitor Center, Zion Human History Museum, and at the Kolob Canyons Visitor Center. Visit the bookstores for a variety of interpretive products to enhance your experience in Zion.

## ZION NATIONAL PARK ORIENTATION FILM

Enjoy the official Zion National Park orientation film in your own living room. Learn about plants, animals, geology, park history, and what to see and do in Zion National Park. DVD, 22 minutes, for \$14.95.

## MAPS OF ZION

The bookstore sells a wide variety of topographic maps, geologic maps, and maps on CD.

To find out more about the programs and publications available through the Zion Natural History Association, please visit our website at [www.zionpark.org](http://www.zionpark.org) or call 800 635-3959.

## Zion Canyon Field Institute Outdoor Learning Adventures

Dec 5	Thursday Trek
Dec 7-8	Winter Photography
Feb 8	Native Plant Seed Propagation
Mar 21	Poetry in the Park
Mar 27	Thursday Trek
Apr 10	Thursday Trek
Apr 11	Mojave Wildflowers
Apr 12	Zion Geology

All classes include moderate to strenuous hiking. Most classes include an indoor component such as a lecture, slide presentation, demonstration, or time to examine animal or plant specimens.



# Transportation



**PARKING**  
From October 27 through March 31, the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive is open to private vehicles.

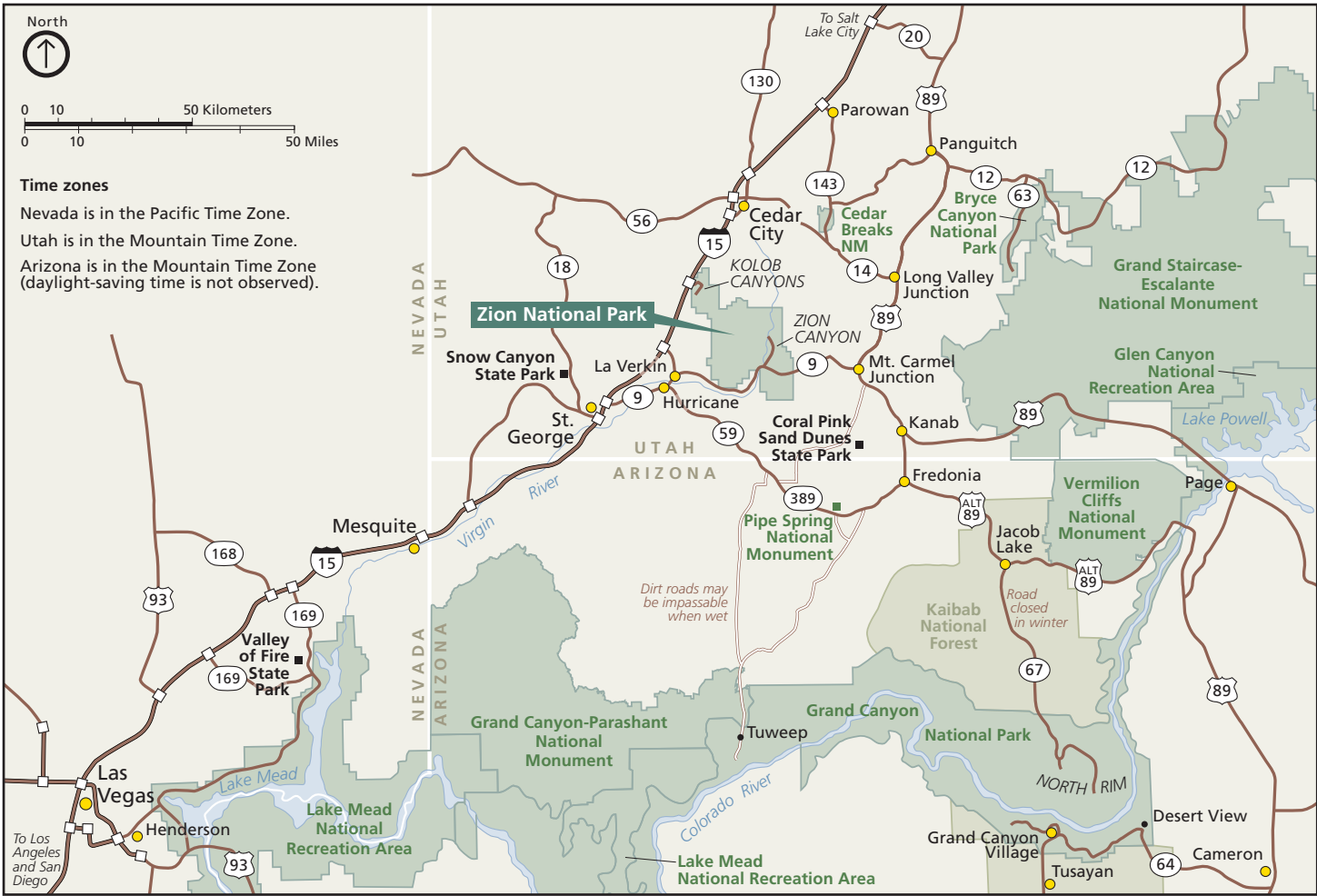
Improper parking is unsafe and damages park resources. Park in designated spaces only and turn off your engine when your vehicle is stopped. Parking regulations are strictly enforced. Citations are issued for violations of signed no parking areas, traffic obstruction, and damage to resources or government property. Please park responsibly.



**PRIVATE TAXIS**  
You may choose to start your hiking trip in a different location than your destination. Private shuttle and taxi services are available.



**OTHER VEHICLES**  
Other vehicles such as ATVs and OHVs are not permitted in Zion National Park.



## Large Vehicles



The Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel connects Zion Canyon to the east side of the park. It was built in the 1920s when large vehicles were much less common. Vehicles 11'4" tall or taller, or 7'10" wide or wider, require one-lane traffic control through the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel. Because of the tunnel dimensions, large vehicles cannot travel in a single lane through the tunnel. Nearly all RVs, buses, trailers, fifth-wheels, dual-wheel trucks, campers, and boats require traffic control through the tunnel.



**TUNNEL TRAFFIC CONTROL**  
Visitors requiring traffic control through the tunnel must pay a \$15 fee per vehicle in addition to the entrance fee. Pay this fee at the park entrance station before driving to the tunnel. The fee is good for two trips through the tunnel for the same vehicle during a seven-day period.

Rangers will stop oncoming traffic and you will drive down the center of the road. We apologize for the delays that may result from this safety precaution.

Large vehicles may only travel through the tunnel from:

- November 3 to March 8 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
- March 9 into May from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm



**PROHIBITED VEHICLES**  
Bicycles and pedestrians are not permitted in the tunnel. Vehicles not permitted in the tunnel include the following:

- vehicles over 13'1" tall
- semi-trucks and commercial vehicles
- vehicles carrying hazardous materials
- vehicles weighing more than 50,000 lbs
- combined vehicles or buses over 50'

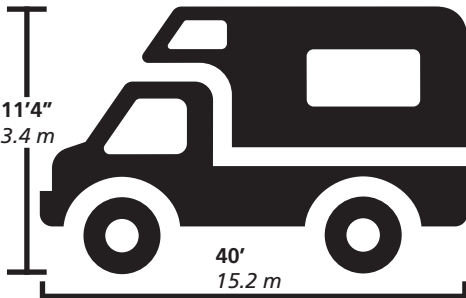


**LARGE VEHICLE PARKING**  
Many parking areas in Zion National Park are not intended for large vehicles. Please pay attention to posted size restrictions. Vehicles longer than 19 feet may not park at Weeping Rock at any time. At the Temple of Sinawava, vehicles longer than 19 feet may park in designated parallel

spaces and in front of the shade structure. Buses with a capacity of 16 or more may park at the Checkerboard Mesa pullout, but may not park between Checkerboard Mesa and the Zion-Mt. Carmel Tunnel.



Vehicles over 11'4" (3.4 m) tall or 7'10" (2.4 m) wide, including mirrors, awnings, and jacks, will require traffic control in the tunnel. Single-axle vehicles may not exceed 40' in length.



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